

July 2, 1963

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Municipal Court Room on July 2, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, Archie Woods, J.B. Taggart

Also Present: C.F. Jester, Jr., City Manager & R.T. Winston, Attorney

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous vote, council moved that the minutes be approved as read and that the Clerk and City Manager be commended for preparing the minutes accurately and properly.

A group of citizens from Ridge Avenue between Henry and 9th Street #2461 appeared before council with Mrs. N.H. Short as spokesman, requesting street improvement, improvement of steps, ditch drainage and street light. After a brief discussion, the matter was referred to the City Manager.

Mr. Jester advised council that Mr. Witt and Mr. Fraley of Chestnut Street #2462 had not given him a definite answer on their participation in the replacing of the retaining wall in front of their property. Matter deferred until next meeting.

Mr. Jester advised council of the hearing before the ABC Board in Richmond #2463 regarding extension of time for the selling of beer. Council instructed the City Manager to notify the interested merchants of this hearing.

Mr. Jester presented request of Miss Cherry for parking meters on the north side of Virginia Avenue between 8th & 9th Streets. #2464
On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by Archie Woods and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that two parking meters be installed on the north side of Virginia Avenue near the intersection of 9th Street.

Mr. Jester briefed council on the meeting held on June 27th with Mr. Strader #2465 and Mr. Weisman and also Mr. Lindsey of the engineering firm of Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern. Tentative plans were made for bid advertisement in mid-July and to receive the bids in mid-August. The bond broker advised the City to obtain interim financing at this time. Mr. Taggart advised the City Manager to obtain a letter confirming the telephone conversation that Mr. Lindsey had with the CFA office in Philadelphia concerning extensions requiring the beginning of construction.

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton that the City requests a commitment from the First National Bank of Norton for an interim financing loan in the maximum amount of \$142,000.00, as temporary funds necessary for the construction of the sewage disposal system and pending the sale of the bonds heretofore approved by the voters. Said commitment to be requested in order to comply with Paragraph 1 (a), Exhibit "B" Special Conditions which are made a part of the Grant agreement from the Community Facilities Administration identified as Contract No. H-202-1030. The said loan to be made in increments depending on the progress of the construction costs and the loan to be repaid immediately after the sale of the bonds, and said loan to be made under the authority and the conditions imposed in Section 15-666.64 of the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Jester gave a report on delinquent tax collections. #2466

Mr. Jester advised council that he had received final agreement from CFA for the \$5600 to be used in Benges Branch Sewage treatment plant. #2467

On motion by J.B. Taggart, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton that the offer of the Housing and Home Finance, United States of America, dated June 24, 1963, of an advance not to exceed \$5,600 and as detailed in the written offer, be accepted by the City and that the City Manager of the City of Norton be authorized to sign the acceptance of the said offer.

Mr. Jester read a letter to the City Council from the Old Dominion Power Company regarding franchise which expires July 8th. #2468 They stated the power company would continue their services as is until questions under consideration are decided upon.

Mr. Jester advised council of his contact with Mr. George Wharton regarding bridges to his mines and of the agreement they had decided upon. #2469

On motion by A.O. Umstead, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the following resolution was passed: #2470

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norton that the Deed prepared by the City Attorney, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, by which a strip of land is conveyed by the City of Norton to the Norton Industrial Development Corporation, be approved, and be it further resolved by the Council of the City of Norton that B.E. Ball, Mayor, and Jo Nosler, City Clerk, be empowered to execute the said deed on behalf of the City of Norton and to deliver same to the Norton Industrial Development Corporation.

Mr. Jester advised council of the status of the Dorchester water situation. #2471

On motion by J.C. Holcomb, seconded by A.O. Umstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that the City Manager be empowered to spend a maximum of \$750.00 in order to give nineteen (19) customers in Dorchester City water, said customers already using City water at the present time.

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.B. Taggart and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that W.C. Witt and George F. Scott be reappointed as members of the Norton Industrial Development Corporation for a four year term, said term to begin July 17, 1963. #2472

On motion by Archie Woods, seconded by J.C. Holcomb and carried by unanimous roll call vote, council moved that C.W. Bryant be appointed as member of the Norton Industrial Development Corporation to fill the unexpired term of W.P. Kanto, said term to expire July 17, 1966. #2473

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.

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